

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES TO PRIVATELY OWNED
PROPERTY

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

AN ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR TO PAY A CLAIM FOR DAMAGES TO PRIVATELY OWNED PROPERTY, AMOUNTING TO \$49

FEBRUARY 17 (calendar day, FEBRUARY 25), 1931.—Read; referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, February 24, 1931.

The PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress an estimate of appropriation submitted by the Department of the Interior to pay a claim for damages to privately owned property in the sum of \$49, which has been considered and adjusted under the provisions of the act of December 28, 1922 (U. S. C., title 31, sec. 215), and which requires an appropriation for its payment.

Respectfully,

HERBERT HOOVER.

BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
Washington, February 24, 1931.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit for your consideration an estimate of appropriation submitted by the Department of the Interior to pay a claim for damages to privately owned property, which has been considered and adjusted under the provisions of the act of December 28, 1922 (U. S. C., title 31, sec. 215), and requires an appropriation for its payment, as follows:

Damage claim, Department of the Interior..... \$49

The letter of the Assistant Secretary of the Interior submitting this estimate is transmitted herewith.

In accordance with the provisions of the act providing for this submission, I recommend that this estimate be transmitted to Congress.

Very respectfully,

J. CLAWSON ROOP,

Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

The PRESIDENT.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, February 24, 1931.

Hon. J. CLAWSON ROOP,
Director Bureau of the Budget.

MY DEAR MR. ROOP: Miss Isabel Mesler, of Ashford, Washington, has filed a claim for \$89 under the provisions of the act of December 28, 1922 (42 Stat. 1066).

- (1) The amount of the claim is \$89.
- (2) The amount allowed is \$49.
- (3) Claim filed December 9, 1930.
- (4) The claim was presented within one year of the date of its accrual.
- (5) Claim accrued after April 6, 1917.
- (6) The claim is based upon damages sustained from an automobile collision.
- (7) The damage was caused by the driver of a Government truck.
- (8) The driver of truck was acting within the scope of his employment.
- (9) The damage was caused by the negligence of the driver of Government truck in that he was operating the truck at a high rate of speed and when near Miss Mesler's car, at a crowded point on the curve, the driver applied the brakes and caused his car to skid, striking Miss Mesler's car and causing damages thereto.
- (10) The solicitor of the department has examined the claim and has advised me that the amount of \$49 is a legal claim for submission under the act of December 28, 1922, supra.

I, therefore, certify the claim as a legal claim against the United States.

Very truly yours,

JOHN H. EDWARDS,
Assistant Secretary.

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